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SUBJ: GOP SACKS EDUCATION SECSTATE IN MIDST OF
STUDENT DISTURBANCES

1. IN MIDST OF STUDENT DISTURBANCES (SEPTEL),
GOP HAS UNEXPECTEDLY REPLACED SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
EDUCATION AND CULTURE JOAO COSTA ANDRE WITH AUGUSTO
DE ATAIDE.

2. COSTA ANDRE, 40, HAD BEEN IN CABINET SINCE MID-1968,
BUT IN EDUCATION JOB ONLY SINCE AUG. 1972. HE HAD
REPUTATION AS HARD- LINER, AND WAS CONSIDERED AS A BALANCE
TO LIBERAL EDUCATION MINISTER VEIGA SIMAO.

3. COSTA ANDRE'S REPLACEMENT, AUGUSTO DE ATAIDE SOARES
D' ALBERGARIA, 32, ENTERED CABINET IN JAN. 1970 AS UNDER
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR YOUTH AND SPORTS. HE WAS
PROMOTED TO SECRETARY IN AUGUST 1972. ATAIDE IS CREDITED
WITH WHOLE RANGE OF INNOVATIVE AND SUCCESSFUL YOUTH PRO-
GRAMS (SEE LISBON A-162 OF DEC. 7, 1971). ONLY A FEW
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YEARS REMOVED FROM UNIVERSITY STUDY HIMSELF, ATAIDE BRINGS MODERN, PROGRESSIVE IMAGE TO EDUCATION POST.

4. ATAIDE'S FORMER YOUTH JOB WILL BE FILLED BY LAWYER ORLANDO VALADAO CHAGAS, 53. CHAGAS HELD CIVIL SERVICE JOBS FROM 1945 TO 1963, AND WAS DIRGEN FOR SPORTS AND SCHOOL HEALTH IN MINISTRY OF EDUCATION FROM 1958 TO 1963.

5. COMMENT: EDUCATION AND CULTURE SECRETARIAT HAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ORDERLY FUNCTIONING OF UNIVERSITIES, AND SECRETARY'S JOB THUS DIFFICULT, THANKLESS TASK. NEVERTHELESS, APPOINTMENT OF FORWARD LOOKING, YOUNG COMER LIKE ATAIDE MAY BE SEEN AS CONCESSION TO THOSE PRESSING FOR UNIVERSITY REFORM, AND THUS VICTORY FOR REFORMIST MINISTER VEIGA SIMAO IN HIS ONGOING STRUGGLE TO MODERNIZE HIGHER EDUCATION IN PORTUGAL.
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